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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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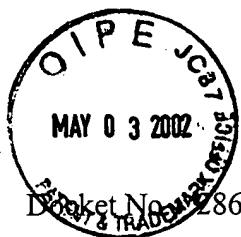
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated January 7, 2002,  
submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63)
2. Assignment
3. Petition of Extension of Time
4. Statutory Basic filing fee of \$740.00
5. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of \$130.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$870.00. To the extent  
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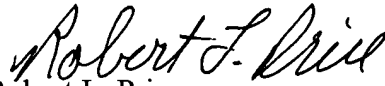
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shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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